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**COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:**  
**CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMS NAKASONE AS BANDMASTER**

Today the Honolulu City Council voted unanimously to confirm the nomination of Michael Nakasone as Bandmaster of the Royal Hawaiian Band. Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu), the Parks Committee Chair, stated, "Although there have been lingering questions over the Mayor's selection process of the bandmaster, the role of the City Council is to evaluate the qualifications of appointees, not to make cabinet appointments. It is clear that Mike Nakasone is well qualified to serve as Bandmaster. I look forward to working with Mr. Nakasone, and I am confident that his unique gift of music and his willingness to connect with the rich history of the band will serve the public well."

Over 30 members of the public, many from the Royal Hawaiian Band itself, testified in support of Nakasone's confirmation during the nomination process.

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